

The Cornell Japanimation Society

Schedule for December 1, 1989:

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Urusei Yatsura 1:

(See character introductions at the back)

Prologue:

In the sunset, two children play shadow tag ... chasing after each other's shadows. The little boy steps on the girl's shadow finally. "I'm not from this world ... where I come from, if you step on a person's shadow, you've promised to marry them," she tells him. "I'll come back for you in 11 years." "11 years!?" But that's so long!" complains the boy ...

One day, an invitation is delivered to all of Ataru's acquaintances. It's an invitation to Ataru's wedding! And he's getting married to someone that none of them have heard of before ... called Elle?

Ataru's friends vow to get more information about her. Megane lures Ataru up to the top of the school bell tower to extract information about her ... but Ataru has no recollection of ever knowing such a person. Shinobu then bursts in, adding more commotion. Finally, Lum enters the scene, having been forewarned of the wedding by Ten who showed her his invitation. Even Mendo appears, with his army, to blast Ataru to pieces when ...

The envoy from Elle has arrived and tells Ataru to prepare for his departure from Earth tomorrow (after Ataru mistakes Elle's nanny, Babara, for Elle). Babara also gives Ataru a shield to protect him from Lum's electric shocks ... something handy just right now. Frustrated, Lum flies off ...

Later on that night, Lum meets up with Benten at a restaurant. Benten reminds her that if she takes the initiative, so to speak, that Elle wouldn't be able to do anything.

With that in mind and cheered up, Lum speeds off and snatches Ataru (who is busy packing) and his friends to take them back to her planet to marry him.

Out of Pluto's orbit, Lum meets up with more of her friends and with her father's ship. Ataru's parents and Lum's parents have all the details of the marriage worked out, and, after all, since he and Lum have been living together for over a year, it is the only decent thing to do. "Isn't that right, Mr. Groom?" What can Ataru say? "Y ... yessss ..."

But Elle's ship tracks Ataru down and prepares to do battle with the Oni spacefleet. "Die! For the sake of love!" screams the commander - and the battle is joined. Meanwhile ...

Despite Lum forcing him to don the "Tiger Star" engagement ring, Ataru blurts out, "No! I want to marry Elle!" Infuriated,

Lum prepares to lock him in a vault until the wedding, but one of Elle's spies, Rose, has crept aboard to kidnap Ataru and does.

Escaping with Ataru (and by accident, all of his friends), Rose tells him what's going on. Unaware that the communications line is open, he thanks her profusely for saving him: "Lum was incredibly persistent - I really thought I was finished this time. You're saving me from hell ... come on, let's go!" "That fool ... " mutters Megane.

Lum wakes up and catches on. Stealing a high-speed interceptor, she goes after her "Darling" - unaware that the ship is under repair and will explode if put into overdrive ...

But she is safe and Ataru is relieved. "You seem to care about her," says Rose suspiciously. "Oh no, not really ... heh, heh," he denies, somewhat sheepishly.

On their way down to the surface of Planet Elle, Megane raves about all the delicious things to eat they're leaving behind on Earth. And despite the "Yoshinoya" restaurant (sort of the "McDonalds" of Japan) that Ataru points out to her, he refuses to be consoled. That is, until Ataru reveals his plan to use his power as Elle's husband to create the "Ultimate Harem of the Universe" - with Megane as guard.

Elle and Ataru meet and she confesses that she likes him because he chose her of his "own free will". She is sick of everyone taking her orders and has longed for a companion with some spirit.

Mendo has set his sights on Elle but is somewhat surprised at the ease at which she agrees to see him that night. She takes him to her "Love Refrigerator", where she stores all the men she has loved - and she plans to make Mendo number 100,000! Ataru and his friends have followed Mendo, but faced with this horrible situation, they decide to abandon him and flee. However, Shinobu, consumed with love for Mendo, stops Elle's "Holy Love Ceremony".

Everyone is captured, and Elle asks Ataru (she calls him "Honey") why he tried to escape. When he cites her little "collection", she says, "But, Honey, you have lived with that devil's daughter (Lum)!" "That was pretty small scale compared with what you have done!" he retorts. Enraged, Elle says, "I won't let anyone else have my Honey! Lock him up until tomorrow's wedding!"

Imprisoned with Ataru, Ten chews him out for his constant ill treatment of Lum but Ataru cries and says that even though Lum has a fit when he so much as looks at other women, "Still, she always thinks of me ... only me ... always, only me ..."

The wedding commences and Benten, assuming that Lum will try and stop it, organizes Lum's friends into a guerrilla strike force to distract the guards and give Lum a chance to slip through the tight security. Kurama releases the 99,999 frozen lovers and they



head for the church, desperate to save their Elle.

Finally, Benten shows up with the space taxi, slurps up everyone, and beats a hasty retreat. But the taxi driver accidentally pushes the "warp" switch ... "You *#%^% idiot!" screams Benten. "Do you know what happens when you warp in an enclosed space!?"

But soon, everyone will know the truth about Elle and Ataru ...
(adapted from Baycon '86 Guide)

Patlabor Vol. 4:

The day starts off normally with the Second Platoon dealing with a hostage situation ... until Oohta breaks loose of the lines, pulls out his labor's pistol cannon and fires dead blank into the middle of the gunmen!

Luckily, the barrel of the cannon was conveniently on a blank so no permanent damage is done ... but Commander Goto orders the Second Platoon to undergo retraining at the Fuji Training Grounds because of the political fiasco.

There, they find out that the school is deserted by students ... and that a training accident had happened recently. Apparently, the school's commander had ordered an open day for the school and as a demonstration, had ordered a mock combat between two labors. However, due to a misstep by one of the labors, its pistol cannon had fired, killing a young girl in the audience. The labor's pilot, filled with remorse, had taken his labor into the nearby lake and drowned himself. Since then, the ghosts of both the girl and the labor pilot had been seen around the school. Members of the Second Platoon see the ghosts as well.

But there's something fishy about this whole story ... and nearby, there lives a girl that suspiciously looks a lot like the killed girl ...



Dirty Pair ep. 9:

The planet Plastone is a world combining current technology with the lifestyle of the Old West. Plastone's criminal element is confused as two rival syndicates are fighting for control. The Pair are sent in to destroy both groups.

Disguising themselves as competing gunfighters (Kei wears the traditional cowboy outfit while Yuri goes for the Clint Eastwood look), the gals

split up and join the two syndicates.

Now, how will the Pair deal with the two syndicates?

(adapted from Animag #4, p. 21)

Orange Road ep. 27:

Madoka is injured. On the way home from visiting her, Kyosuke runs into a female gang who's looking for her. As a result, Kyosuke thinks that Madoka got hurt because of a fight. Kyosuke decides to protect Madoka from the female gang but ...

BENTEN — Another of Lum's old buddies, Benten is probably her best friend. She swears like a storm trooper and just loves to kick ass.
(Mita Yūko)



OYUKI — Yet another of Lum's friends. Soft-spoken and innocent, she is Queen of an ice planet.

Oyuki



Sakura



"CHERRY" — An itinerant Buddhist monk. A major source of aggravation for everyone on the show, most of all Ataru, who is sick of Cherry telling him that he has the "mark of doom" on his face. Loves to eat.
(Nagai Ichirō)



Cherry

SAKURA — Cherry's niece, the Tomobiki High School nurse, a Shinto shrine maiden, and powerful "psychic." (Washio Machiko)

Urusei Yatsura (Those Annoying Aliens)

#1: "I'm Lum, the Notorious!"

(Editor's note: Now, you've got to bear with me — *Urusei Yatsura* is bizarre, but it is also highly entertaining, and offers some shrewd insights into the nature of love relationships. *Urusei Yatsura* is a Japanese pun that can be roughly translated as "Those Annoying Aliens." It started as a comic series by TAKAHASHI RUMIKO, but in 1982, hit TV animation — where it has run for 218 episodes! Sadly, it has just been cancelled.)

ATARU MOROBOSHI is a relatively normal high school student but has, shall we say, "overactive glands." When aliens from the planet Urusei invade Earth, they give us one chance: If our champion (chosen at random by their computers) can defeat their champion in a game of tag, they'll pack up and leave quietly. If not . . .

Anyway, Ataru is the chosen one and is forced to compete — a task made somewhat difficult by the fact that the alien champion — LUM — can fly. Nevertheless, Lum is also gorgeous and well-equipped to make the most of her tiger-skin bikini, so the lecherous Ataru can't wait to get his hands on her. There follows eight days of public humiliation for poor Ataru, as he tries . . . and tries . . . and tries. Finally, in desperation, his girlfriend SHINOBU (a lovely, demure girl, given to throwing around heavy furniture when she gets upset) offers to marry him — if he wins. So, on the final day, and shouting, "I will be married!" he succeeds in grabbing Lum's horns, thereby saving the Earth. However... Lum thinks that he wants to marry her, and accepts this unexpected offer. Ataru has had enough of Lum, though, and protests vociferously. But Lum is not easily discouraged, and so it begins . . .

The Major Characters

ATARU MOROBOSHI — In his heart of hearts, he really does love Lum — more than any other girl — but he just can't keep his hands off other women (who, by and large, find him lecherous and unattractive). (Played by voice actor Furukawa Toshio.)

LUM of URUSEI — Beautiful, charming, more than a little bit sexy, and totally devoted to her "Darling" (as



Ataru



Lum

SHINOBU — Ataru's ex-girlfriend, who gives up on him quite early in the series (about the same time that Lum moves into Ataru's bedroom closet!). Possessed of herculean strength when angry, she now has eyes only for Mendō — who is so busy chasing Lum that he rarely even looks at Shinobu. (Shimazu Saeko)

Shinobu



MEGANE and "Lum's Guards" — A bunch of Ataru's schoolmates at Tomobiki High, all of whom are smitten with Lum. Megane ("glasses") is the leader, and the most smitten. (Chiba Shigeru)



Megane

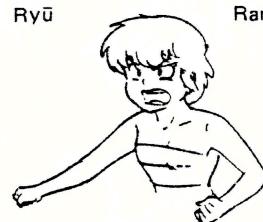


Jariten

JARITEN — Also known as Ten and Ten-chan. Lum's cousin and Ataru's bane. Can fly, and breathes fire — usually at Ataru. (Sugiyama Kazuko)

RYŪNOSUKE — An odd case. Her father raised her as a boy and even makes her dress like a boy. She's tough as nails, but yearns to act — and especially to dress — like a girl. (Tanaka Mayumi)

Ryū



Ran



RAN — One of Lum's old school chums. Sweet and cuddly on the outside, but oh, my! — she's rotten at the core. Is usually armed to the teeth with hidden weapons. (Inoue Haruka)

Mendō

